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ABSTRACT

While a great deal has been written on domestic violence, the focus has been primarily on the violence of men against their current or former wives or girlfriends. Yet studies have shown that partner abuse is as common and severe among same-sex couples as among heterosexual couples. This book examines a broad range of issues that confront victims of same-sex domestic violence, whether women or men, and those who offer them services. This is a resource book consisting of chapters by prominent professionals and activists on topics of practical concern for people who work with victims of same-sex partner abuse. The book includes coverage of topics such as HIV and same-sex domestic violence, establishing safe home networks for battered gay men, courtroom advocacy, coalition building, and sexual and dating violence prevention. Of particular interest to those working in higher education is the chapter entitled "Woman-to-Woman Battering on College Campuses" by Tonja Santos. In each chapter, the authors are sensitive to multicultural issues and to broad issues of social oppression, avoiding "one-size-fits-all" assumptions and conclusions. (MKA)

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